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2022 ANNUAL
REPORT

TO **HELP** PEOPLE
KNOW & FOLLOW
JESUS
STEP BY STEP



Hey LCB Family!

Being part of Life Church Buffalo is like watching God unfold a miracle over time. God is gracious! It has been one of the greatest privileges of our lives to be part of what He is doing in and through this church. Without question, every church is a unique work of the Holy Spirit, but we are deeply grateful to be part of this one.

Though much has changed over our 16 year history, our reason for being hasn't. We exist to **help people know and follow Jesus step by step**. We want to see as many people as possible from all over WNY meet Jesus, discover their new identity in Him, and experience life as it was intended to be, in Him, now and forever. And we want to see those people equipped, empowered, and sent to love, serve and challenge our region with the gospel. We are part of God's unfolding story, in our generation, in our city.

We have created this Annual Report to try and capture some of what God did in our church last year. From stories of life change to introducing leaders to providing ministry updates to highlighting fun statistics and offering a brief financial recap, there's a lot of grace contained within these pages!

We hope you'll remember, too, that behind every story of life change is an army of selfless servants who gave to the Lord to see the vision of our church realized. Every advancement of God's Kingdom was the result of people who financially support this ministry. So from the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU! Thank you for trusting us! Thank you for going on this journey with us! Thank you for investing your life and your resources into God's work through Life Church Buffalo!

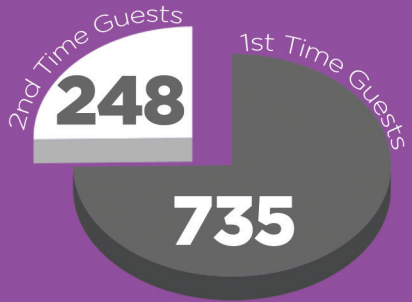
We invite you to join us in being part of seeing our vision become even more of a reality in the days ahead. Together, as always, let's ask Him to do what only He can.

The best is yet to come!

Peter & Kelly Jankowski
Co-Lead Pastors

29,479

total attendance 2022



REACH & TEACH

with **EXCELLENCE** with **AUTHENTICITY** with **INTENTIONALITY**

Easter Attendance **1213**

1225 Christmas Attendance



65 Avg StudentLife Attendance

High School Students

30

Middle School Students

35

27 KIDS SAID YES TO JESUS!



143 Avg KidsLife Attendance

*average conversion rate is 6 - 10%



142

people took their next step & got baptized in 2022!



139 NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

2022 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

GrowthPath

115

people completed Growth Path in 2022

24

people attended Starting Point in 2022

starting point

A CONVERSATION ABOUT FAITH

"Since joining our men's group, I have been given the opportunity to know some great men in our church. Being a man is difficult because we like to bottle up everything. It's relieving to know that other men are around and have gone through similar struggles that I have. We get to share how God has helped us through those difficult seasons. I'm grateful for the brothers I now have to trust and bounce things off of with the same goal in mind... Jesus." - Mike Reed



Life is better together

BELONG & BECOME

with EXCELLENCE with AUTHENTICITY with INTENTIONALITY

559 PEOPLE



71 LIFE GROUPS



WE ENVISION A LOCAL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
FOLLOWERS WHO:

joyfully make room for people at every stage
of belief

gather as one each **weekend** to experience God
and proclaim the Good News in the most
excellent way

belong in small group **community** to grow their
faith and authentically live it out together in
real time

love their world with intentional, creative **outreach**
so that those far from God may be brought closer
to Him.

SERVE DAY

LOVE & SERVE

with **EXCELLENCE** with **AUTHENTICITY** with **INTENTIONALITY**

24 MINISTRY PARTNERS

43 PROJECTS
3 DAYS

724 VOL POSITIONS
1471.5 HOURS

\$118,486
GIVEN

DISASTER RELIEF \$30,742

Tops Tragedy
Ft Myers Hurricane
Ukraine War Relief Effort
Buffalo Blizzard

“Last week, we sent \$3,500 to workers closer to the border so that they could purchase a van load full of potatoes and onions. Most of the hospitals that are caring for injured civilians and military personnel ... as well as food banks, are out of food and everyone is requesting potatoes and onions so they can make soups and other meals. In the end, THREE vans were sent full of potatoes. Praise God!!”

“ I can't thank you and your amazing church enough! What a blessing this was to our family this year. We look forward to seeing you again soon. ”
-A.D

467 CHILDREN
2200 GIFTS



CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND



459 VOL SPOTS
1003 HOURS
500 SQUISHMALLOWS

“ It was fun! And the person I met was amazing and he prayed for me in my time of need and I really needed that. Thank you and God Bless! ”
-T.S.

DREAM TEAM

“ I love being a part of this church and want to get to know people

-Chris

”

“ I absolutely love helping bring a smile to someone's face and uplifting a weary heart.

-Lorene

”

“ It's an opportunity for growth ... It stretches you and makes you lean more on your team and on Jesus to help you where you're weak.

-Corina

”

“ The preschoolers always bring joy to my heart.

-Laurie

”

“ When I serve, I feel so connected to Jesus.

-Cindy

”

“ I wanted to do more than 'just go to church'.

-Darlene

”

145 NEW MEMBERS

COMPLETION

CELEBRATION



Celebrate what God has done!

AMOUNT GIVEN TO LEGACY
\$1,209,967

In October 2019, in order to to accommodate our rapidly growing church family, we set out on a journey to raise money to construct a new worship auditorium and renovate our old auditorium into a warm and welcoming foyer. We called the campaign

Legacy. As one, for the One. Our legacy in this world depends on how we, **as one** church family, united under the mission & vision that God has given us, decide to invest what was given to us into the lives of others. Not for our own glory, but **for the One** who is alive today and advancing his Kingdom through us.

We officially closed the campaign on January 15, 2023, but we want to thank the people who joined us on this journey & celebrate all that God did through their faithful generosity!!

BAPTISMS
IN NEW
SPACE

209

385 PEOPLE
SAID YES
TO JESUS

*as of 1/22/23

FINANCES

TOTAL INCOME

\$1.77 MILLION

14% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

\$1.38 MILLION

General Tithe & Offering

\$384 THOUSAND

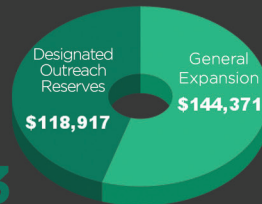
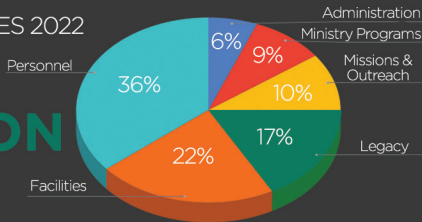
Designated Offerings

298

FIRST TIME
GIVERS

TOTAL EXPENSES 2022

\$1.72 MILLION



SAVINGS

\$263 THOUSAND

834

TOTAL NUMBER
OF PEOPLE
WHO GAVE
IN 2022

TOTAL GIVEN TO MISSIONS

\$149 THOUSAND

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY LCB

HBI

Tri-County Food Bank

8 Days of Hope

Buffalo Dream Center

Compass Care

Carol McLeod Ministries

YWAM

60 Hertel Churches

Buffalo City Mission

Friends Feeding Friends

PATH

Goodness Project

MEET OUR TWO NEW FULL TIME STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE HELPING ALL OUR KIDS & TEENS KNOW AND FOLLOW JESUS STEP BY STEP!

In September of 2022 Jordan moved from Indiana to join our team as the full time Student Pastor. He oversees middle school (6th-8th grade) and high school (9th-12th grade). This is such a unique age, with their own set of unique challenges. This generation faces things that we find hard to even imagine, but we know that God has a unique calling on this generation!

With the heart and calling that Pastor Jordan has, StudentLife at Life Church Buffalo is going to be intentional about being gospel focused, creating fun spaces and events that will equip your kids, surround them with godly friendships, keep them rooted in God's word, fill them up, all while having a blast at church!! **They aren't the Next Generation, they are the Now Generation!**

Jordan Bennett
Student Pastor



Ashlee Cervo
KidsLife Director



Ashlee actually grew up in this church, attending this youth group as a teen, and has served and lead in children's ministry for over 10 years.

Ashlee has a heart to disciple children and knows that our God is BIG enough to become small enough for even our littles ones to know. We saw a calling on Ashlee's life and knew there was more. She completed a Children's Ministry Certification program from Bethel Seminary in early 2022. As Pastor Beth Miller transitioned into Executive Pastor of Ministries this past year, this created an opening in our Children's Ministry, and we knew God had been preparing the whole time. Ashlee Cervo stepped into full time ministry as our KidsLife Director. Our children's ministry has continued to grow and flourish, our kids are having fun as they learn about Jesus at their level, and **we are seeing whole families changed by the power of Jesus!**

Sensory Room

NEW & UPDATED SPACES

Preschool Room

A huge answer to prayer was opening our Sensory Room in KidsLife this past year!!!! In KidsLife, our mission is to help children know and follow Jesus step by step. ALL children, no matter their ability.

We were on a mission to grow our Helping Hands Ministry in KidsLife and a huge need was a sensory room.

In 2022, with the help of GENEROUS people in our church, we were able to convert an old storage room to a brand new beautiful sensory room! Whether a child needs to bounce, be alone, or express themselves in their own way all while learning about Jesus at their level, we now have the place! Thank you faithful givers and thank you Jesus!!!



We have continued to make updates and remodel spaces for our GROWING children's ministry! We keep having more babies, welcoming new toddlers and preschoolers, and jamming in those elementary kids!

One of our values in KidsLife is age appropriateness; we want to create spaces where kids can learn about Jesus at their level. We need to create an extra preschool room. In January of 2022 we were able to open our new 3-4 year old room. What was once an old kitchen, is now a beautiful children's room where we go on Bible adventures together! We cleaned, painted, added carpet and built a clubhouse. We want children to love coming to church, and we want parents feeling safe and secure when they drop their children off. This preschool room is filled with smiles, dancing, bible adventures, goofy teachers, warm cuddles, and most importantly Jesus at their level.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:14

LIFE CHURCH BUFFALO

